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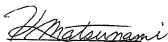
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- 1) I, Katsuyoshi MATSUNAMI, am a co-inventor of the above-captioned application along with Shuji MIYAGAWA.
- 2) I am also a co-author of the reference Katsuyoshi MATSUNAMI, Shuji MIYAGAWA, Tamiko KUSAMA, Tomoko KUBO and Ryota SHIRAKURA, "Modulation of the ALPHA 1 and 2 Domain Sequence of the HLA-E Gene Up-Regulates Its Expression and Function," Transplantation, Vol. 78, No. 2, page 157, Abstract O401, July 24, 2004 (hereinafter the "Matsunami Abstract").
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